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1. WASHINGTON'S SUGGESTION FOR DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON CUSTOMS CIRCULAR APPEARS TO US TO BE ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE WITH ONE EXCEPTION. WE RECOMMEND DELETION OF "SCRUPULOUSLY OBSERVED AND " FROM THE LAST SENTENCE OF PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH, AS THIS PHRASE COULD CONCEIVABLY BE TURNED AGAINST US. MFA OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE ARE DEALING HAVE INFORMALLY ADVISED US THAT THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO INTERPRET SOFA PROVISIONS AS BROADLY AS POSSIBLE AND IN SOME INSTANCES AT LEAST THIS APPEARS TO BE THE CASE. GOT WILL BE IRRITATED BY DELIVERY OF THIS NOTE, HOWEVER, AND USE OF WORD "SCRUPULOUSLY" COULD INVITE THEM INTO THE KIND OF NARROW AND EXACT INTERPRETATIONS WE ARE SEEKING TO AVOID. IN ANY EVENT, WE BELIEVE KEY CONFIDENTIAL

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POINT OF SENTENCE HAS TO DO WITH OUR INSISTANCE THAT THE SOFA

APPLIES TO ALL U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL HERE. WITH THIS IN MIND, WE SUGGEST LAST SENTENCE OF PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH BE REVISED TO READ: "THE USG ANTICIPATES THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATO/SOFA WILL BE APPLIED TO ALL U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL...."

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